

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A folding knife that provides for a self-opening action as is drawn from the pocket of a user. The knife has a hinged knife blade positioned to be folded into a handle portion for storage when not in use. A blade opening element is

5 mounted on the closed exposed edge of the blade adjacent the handle portion and extends both transversely and longitudinally from the blade so as to be engageable with a portion of the pocket when it is to be retrieved therefrom or by manual manipulation by the user.